GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FELLOWSHIP FOR SENIOR AND JUNIOR ARTISTES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the senior and junior fellowships are awarded by the Government every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the field in which it is being awarded;

(c) the criteria for selection of the candidate for award of fellowships;

(d) the procedure and the time by which the applications are invited for the purpose;

(e) whether any Selection Committee is constituted in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the tenure of the Committee; and

(g) the details of the Members of the Committee at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Senior and Junior Fellowships are awarded to outstanding artistes under the "Scheme for the Award of Fellowships to Outstanding Persons in the Field of Culture". 125 Senior Fellowships and 125 Junior Fellowships are awarded every year under the Scheme.

(c) The Fellowships are awarded for undertaking research oriented projects. The applicant should provide evidence of his/her capabilities to the satisfaction of Expert Committee in undertaking the project. Graduation is the minimum educational qualification for eligibility.

(d) Applications for award of Fellowships are invited every year through a public advertisement. Advertisement inviting applications for the current year 2009-10 has been issued and is available on the website of the Ministry: www.indiaculture.gov.in . 31st December, 2009 is the last date for receipt of applications.

(e) to (g) Yes, Sir. An Expert Committee comprising experts in different fields of art and culture is constituted by the Ministry of Culture from time to time. The tenure of the Expert Committee is normally for a period of one year. Expert Committee for the current year is yet to be constituted.